

# **House Democrats Advance Bold, Innovative Agenda to Combat Climate Crisis**

The Climate Crisis is the existential threat of our time, and the Paris Climate Agreement is the foundation of our global efforts to stop it. Yet, two years ago, President Trump recklessly endangered the health, well-being and future of hard-working American families and blocked critical progress when he announced his intention to withdraw the United States from the agreement.

In the Majority, House Democrats are taking decisive action to fight this growing threat to our health, environmental sustainability, national security and economic prosperity. Democrats passed H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act, a bold first step to protect our planet and our future by keeping us in the Paris Agreement, demanding a real plan from the Trump Administration and laying the foundation for further innovative, effective action from the Congress. This legislation is the first major climate bill passed by the House of Representatives in ten years.

In addition to moving this critical legislation, House Democrats have held over **50 hearings and advanced critical legislation through committees** to advance a forward-looking green agenda that grows our economy, creates good-paying jobs and helps secure a safe, sustainable future. Democrats are also aggressively investigating the Trump Administration's toxic, special interest agenda, efforts to undermine critical environmental protections and denial of science that threatens Americans' health and well-being.

Under Speaker Pelosi's leadership, House Democrats re-established the [Select Committee on the Climate Crisis](#), which is spearheading the development of ambitious climate policy recommendations to present to Congress and the American public.

## **Bold Legislative Agenda to Address the Climate Crisis:**

### **Re-establishing the United States as a global leader on the climate crisis**

- **Passed the first major climate bill in ten years, H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act.** House Democrats passed legislation to require the Trump Administration to remain in the Paris Climate Accord and to develop a plan for how the United States will meet its commitments to reduce pollution and safeguard our environment.

### **Protecting the planet for future generations**

- **Two House-Passed Bills Addressing the Climate Crisis Have Been Signed Into Law**
  - On February 26, the House passed [The John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act](#), which was signed into law on March 12. This historic lands package is a significant bipartisan victory in the fight against climate change – it protects millions of acres of land from fossil fuel development and provides permanent reauthorization for the Land and Water Conservation Act.
  - On April 8, the House passed the [Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan](#), which was signed into law on April 16. This bill is an agreement reached by the seven Colorado River Basin states and Native American tribes providing congressional authorization for critical water conservation measures to address a 19-year drought that has been exacerbated by the climate crisis.

### **Leading the Transition to a Clean Energy Economy and Creating Good-Paying Green Jobs of the Future**

- More than a dozen bills have been introduced to [lower the cost of energy for consumers and reduce carbon pollution](#). These bills also include investments to [help America's workforce and manufacturing industries](#) capitalize on the [growth of green technology](#).
- House Democrats remain committed to rebuilding America's crumbling infrastructure and create millions of good-paying jobs with a bold agenda that is comprehensive, green and future-looking, including clean energy and resiliency priorities. Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats introduced the [Lift America Act](#), a sweeping infrastructure package that will rebuild America through investments in clean energy, electric vehicles and clean drinking water.

## **Developing Clean Energy Technologies and Protecting Public Lands Through Critical Investments**

- The [Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee marked up their bill](#) to provide \$37.1 billion for the Department of Energy, an over a billion dollar plus up from fiscal year 2019. This funding provides investments in clean and affordable energy technologies to increase the resiliency and efficiency of the nation's energy economy.
- The [Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee passed their bill out](#) of committee with \$13.79 billion for the Department of the Interior, a plus up of \$833 million from FY19. This funding will protect and preserve public lands, build resilience to climate change, strengthen our environmental workforce and ensure access to safe drinking water. In addition, the committee stripped Republican anti-environment riders on biomass, the Endangered Species Act, clean air and clean water.

## **Tough Oversight of Trump Administration for Anti-Science Agenda Harming American Families:**

- House Democrats are confronting the Trump Administration's cronyism, corruption and blatant violation of existing environmental regulations and laws ranging from [clean air standards](#), [rollbacks on fuel efficiency](#) and [toxic chemicals](#) by holding oversight hearings and sending countless letters to Administration officials.
- To combat President Trump's science denying Administration, House Democratic Chairs sent [letters](#) and held hearings demanding the Administration end its anti-science agenda. In addition, the Natural Resources committee and the Oversight and Government Reform committee held [hearings on the historic scientific consensus about climate change and the role of the fossil fuel industry in denying climate science](#).

## **Addressing the Climate Crisis's Impacts on Every Aspect of Americans' Lives:**

### **Supporting Relief and Rebuilding Efforts in Communities Impacted by Natural Disasters**

- House Democrats know Americans are feeling the impacts of the climate crisis now through an uptick in hurricanes, wildfires and flooding. The Homeland Security Committee is [examining how the climate crisis and the risks to America's infrastructure, health care systems, food production and other fundamental threats to American families](#).

### **Assessing the National Security Implications of the Climate Crisis**

- The Armed Services Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee under House Democrats both held hearings focused on how the climate crisis increases risks to [military readiness, affects the resiliency of military installations, and threatens U.S. national security](#).

### **Supporting Clean Energy and Investing in Sustainable Infrastructure and Economic Development**

- The Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Energy and Commerce Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Science, Space and Technology Committee have held dozens of hearings on the need to [transition away from fossil fuels, invest in clean energy technology](#), and create a [climate resilient America through energy efficient infrastructure](#).

### **Ensuring Support for Tribal Communities Most Affected by the Climate Crisis**

- The Natural Resources Committee held hearings to address the [unique impacts of the climate crisis on tribal communities](#) and the consequences of [oil and gas development on sacred sites](#).

### **Protecting Federal Lands and Wildlife**

- The House Natural Resources Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee are examining the impacts of the climate crisis on [public lands, national parks, our oceans and coast, wildlife, outdoor recreation](#). In addition, the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife convened a [hearing on United Nations report on biodiversity](#), which found over 1 million species are at risk of extinction.